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oviet Woman Athlete onvicted of Shoplift

Ronomareva, Soviet Olympic dis- displayed there constitute a concus champion, was convicted to-siderable temptation to a numday of shoplifting five cheap ber of women. I think the inhats from a London department terests of justice will be dis-store but was given an absolute charged if I discharge her abdischarge on payment of 3 solutely on payment of 3 guineas guineas (\$8.82) costs. The athlete denied stealing the hats, He said he found the case testifying she bought them.

by Magistrate Clyde Wilson fith-Jones indicated Nina had when Nina made a surprise apbeen in the Soviet Embassy ever

pearable to answer the charges. Since she failed to show in court. She took the stand for 55 minutes and flatly denied stealing the hats. "I bought them," she free woman," he said. said.

angered the Soviet authorities so sia at the "earliest possible momuch that they canceled the ment." She is expected to go Soviet-British track and field meet in which she was to be Soviet ship Molotov leaving Loncompetitor.

The Russians called the arrest a "dirty provocation."

trate Wilson issued a warrant Helsinki games under her maiden for her arrest. The hefty discus thrower disappeared, presum- The 27-year-old athlete, in ably into the Soviet Embassy attractive figure in a fawn rain-

LONDON, Oct. 12 (P) Nina the hast at C. and A.

. against her proved.

. The verdict was handed down Defense Counsel Mervyn Grif-

Mr. Griffith-Jones indicated Nina's arrest on August 29 Nina would be returning to Rusdon later today.

Nina is a favorite for the 1956 Olympic woman's discus gold Nina failed to show up in medal at Melbourne next month. court on August 30 and Magis- She won the event in the 1952

which has diplomatic immunity. coat, lipstick and a green bloule, In giving his decision the said on the stand she had no magistrate said: "I realize the religious beliefs and made an

afirmation she would tel the truth about the incidents of August 29.

She said she was married to a doctor, lived in Moscow where she is a school teacher and has a son, Sasha, 21/2 years old. She said she never had been in trouble with the police before.

Nina testified she paid £1 (\$2.80) for four feather hats and got change from £1 for a red woolen hat.

The store detective, Miss Margaret Bolsen, testified earlier that Nina had not payed for the hats, which were produced as evidence.

## Court Room Packed

The court room was packed and there were hundreds standing outside when today's hearing. started. Miss Belsen testified she began watching Nina whèn the Soviet athlete "looked all around her-looked furtively around her." She said she did not see

Nina pay for the hats.

Another prosecution witness
Mrs. Ella Olive Hogg, a member of the store's staff, said she saw Nina out a red woolen but the per left coat sleeve and then saw her pick up two bags with the hats between them, holding them to her side while she walked away from the counter.

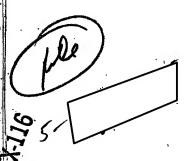
Nina bent forward, her face pale, as she listened attentively to the testimony, through an in-terpreter. Mr. Griffiths-Jones, expressed to Magistrate Wilson Nina's "very sincere apologies for not surrendering" in the first place:

"She has not any understanding of our language or procedure; was appalled at the publicity in which she became involved and was most distressed about the whole matter" he said.

"She has now been advised and has accepted the advice given to her" and has voluntarily and of her own accord surrendered to the police and so she appears be-fore you this morning. I hope, in these circumstances, you won't put it against her that she failed to surrender."

Two weeks ago the British government refused a Soviet request that the case be dripped and suggested that the famous woman athlete be brought to

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London-Soviet dicus champion wina ponomareva ended six weeks of viding in the soviet embassy today and was promptly arrested on a shop-lifting charge and taken to magistrates court for trial.

The books of the court were locked once the formal charge was made. She was accessed of stealing five 90-cent bargain hats from a london department stone while on a shopping town last august with her athletic russian friends.

Ther was no advance announcement she would appear in court. Alert reporters first noticed the enunky 27-year-old nother sitting in a rear room of the marlborough street court, awaiting to appear defore magistrate clyde wilson. 10/12--EC 1003A

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LONDON--A CHARGE OF THEFT WAS PROVED TODAY AGAINST SOVIET DISCUS
THROWER WINA PONOMAREVA, BUT SHE WAS DISCHARGED ON PAYMENT OF THREE
GUINEAS (MINE DOLLARS) COSTS.

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A BRITISH COURT FOUND SOVIET DISCUS CHAMPION NINA PONOMAREVA GUILTY OF STEALING FIVE HATS FROM A LONDON SHOP. BUT IT FREED HER WITH PAYMENT OF LIGHT COURT COSTS TO PERMIT HER TO RETURN TO RUSSIA "AT THE EASLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT."

NINA PLEADED INNOCENT TO THE THEFT CHARSE, WHICH MOSCOW HAD SAID WAS A "PROVOCATION" DESIGNED TO EMBARRASS AN EMINENT ATHLETE.

HOWEVER, MAGISTRATE CLYDE WILSON, BEFORE WHOM SHE WAS TRIED IN JAMPACKED MARLBOROUGH STREET COURT, RULED THAT THE CHARGES OF SHOPLIFTING HAD BEEN PROVED AGAINST THE 27-YEAR-OLD MOSCOW SCHOOLTEACHER.

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DEFENSE ATTORNEY MERUYN GRIFFITH-JONES SAID ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR NINA TO "RETURN TO RUSSIA AT THE EARLIEST MOEMENT."
THE SOVIET SHIP MOLOTOV ALREADY HAD UP STEAM AT LONDON'S SURREY DOCKS IN PREPARATION FOR SAILING TONIGHT. 10/12-8561147A

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LONDON, Sept. 24,—"All friends in Britain urge you to come"—that message was sent to the Bolshoi Theatre Visit to Britain.

who desire to worsen British-Soviet tremendous good. relations.

to leave next week for Britain, had the whole position in the interest announced in a letter to Izvestia of better understanding between that it had put off the trip because mations." of champion discus thrower Nina Mikhail Chulaki, director of the Ponomareva and the "case of the Bolshio Theatre ballet company; five hats."

found in her shopping bag.

society read:

"While understanding your anxiety Ponomareva incident we are terribly disturbed by today's news proposed cancellation British visit. All friends in Britain urge you to come. Cancellation can only please those who delations.

## SPORTSMEN'S CALL

In a statement last night D. Sur sum of money to prepare for the tis, general secretary of the British suo and members of the company Workers' Sports Association, said gave up a month of their holidays "The people in Britain have very for preparations," he said.

ballet company in Moscow as it considered cancelling its visit to Britain.

It was sent by the chairman and secretary of the British Soviet by withdrawing their talent Eriendship Society John Platts. Friendship Society, John Platts- from the track and stage the Rus-Mills and Pat Sloan. It said that sians have done the cause of intercancellation could only please those national understanding tremendous

"We look to the Soviet Union The famed ballet company, due for a magnanimous reappraisal of

said in Moscow that British gov-The Ponomareva incident can ernment action to withdraw the cerns the arrest of a Soviet woman shoplifting charges against Nina discus thrower in London recently Ponomareva would provide the when five cheap hats were al-"guarantee" desired by the ballet NDT AT leged by a store to have been before it goes to London.

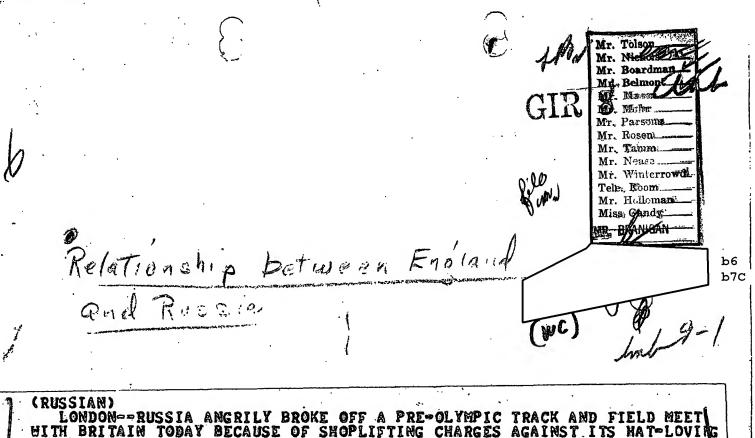
But so long as the British Cov-The telegram from the British ernment failed to make efforts to settle that case, and so long as the 120-member company felt their personal safety in Britain was not guaranteed, the visit planned for Oct. 3 was "impossible."

V. T. Stepanov, chief of the Soviet Ministry of Culture's foreign relations department, said that cansire to worsen British Soviet re-celation of the visit would be a great disappointment to the Bolshoi.

"They have spent a very great

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HITH BRITAIN TODAY BECAUSE OF SHOPLIFING CHARGES AGAINST ITS HAT-LOVING STAR HOMAN DISCUS THROWER.

SOVIET TEAM MANAGER KONSTANTINE HRUPIN ORDERED HIS TEAM OUT OF WHITE CITY STADIUM AFTER THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE REFUSED TO INTERVENE IN THE COURT CASE AGAINST 27-YEAR-OLD MME. NINATONOMAREVA.

SHE HAS ARRESTED HEDMESDAY ON A CHARGE OF STEALING FIVE HATS WORTH \$4.65 FROM A LONDON BARGAIN BASEMENT.

SHE HAS BOOKED AT A POLICE STATION AND RELEASED IN CUSTODY OF SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL ALEXANDER STARTSEV. HE PROMISED TO PRODUCE HER IN COURT YESTERDAY, BUT NEITHER HE NOR SHE SHOWED P.

THE CASE QUICKLY MUSHROOMED OUT OF ALL PROPORTIONS INTO A MINOR INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT. SCOTLAND YARD SENT OUT A WANTED ALARM FOR THE FINERY-LOVING RUSSIAN HOMAN ATHLETE AND POLICE HITH GUARD DOGS PATROLLED THE AREA AROUND THE SOVIET EMBASSY WHERE SHE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE TAKEN REFUGE.

SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS CONFERRED THIS MORNING WITH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION IN MRS.

PONOMAREVA'S CASE. THIS MOVE APPARENTLY FAILED, AND THE SOVIET TEAM WITHDRAHAL FROM THE SCHEDULED WEEKEND TRACK AND FIELD MEET FOLLOWED.

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